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RAJYA SABHA

Damage of goods due to floods

3646. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that goods of exporters and importers stored at CWC/CFS, Kukatpally, Hyderabad were damaged due to floods on 23rd August, 2000;

(b) whether the CWC has collected insurance premium from these exporters and importers and paid to Oriental Insurance Company Limited; and

(c) whether CWC have not settled insurance claims of these importers and exporters and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The claims of the exporters and importers have not yet been settled. The claim for all these losses were lodged immediately with M/s Oriental Insurance Company Ltd. which appointed surveyors to assess the losses. All the required documents have been submitted to the insurance company except 'duty permission certificate' which is required to be submitted by the importers/exporters after obtaining the same from the customs authorities. The claims shall be paid to the parties after these are received from the insurance company.

Relief package for paddy growers of Haryana

3647. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre, as a part of the relief package, have provided Rs. 90 crore monetary compensation for the paddy growers of Haryana; and

(b) if so, what are the details of utilization of the relief package?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Utilization of storage capacity by FCI

3648. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the storage capacity of FCI godowns and other warehouses in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the percentage of utilization of storage capacity as on 1.1.2001 by Food Corporation of India was ten per cent less;

(c) whether it is also a fact that on the other hand the existing quantum of foodgrains is lying in the open because of lack of storage capacity;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what concrete steps are being taken by Government to make full utilization of storage capacity by FCI specially in the light of the position stated in part (c) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) The Food Corporation of India has a total storage capacity of 31.09 million tonnes (Owned & Hired/Covered and CAP) all over the country as on 1.3.2001.

(b) The percentage utilization of the total storage capacity available with Food Corporation of India, as on 1.1.2001, has been an all time high of 90% and further increased to 92% as on 1.2.2001 and 93% as on 1.3.2001.

(c) and (d) The total storage capacity available with FCI as on 1.3.2001 is 31.09 million tonnes as against the stock holdings of 28.94